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The BULL *of* GOTHAM, *a canonical* FRAGMENT.

AND behold! there was Wickedneſs over all the Land, for the People had departed from the Ways of the Juſt. And they did not as their Fathers did; they deſpiſed their Rulers, and they followed the Perſuaſions of evil Men, and they bowed themſelves unto them even as they liſt.

And it came to paſs, that among theſe was one Man of evil Aſpect, named *John*; he was of the Tribe of the Wilkites, of the Race of the Jews, and his Father's Name was Iſrael*.

Now this Man was a Hypocrite, a Diſſembler of the Truth, and great was his Cunning; and he laid falſe Snares, and gained the Hearts of the People, inſomuch that they deſpiſed their Rulers, and him only did they obey.

Now it ſo happened, that ſome of the Elders of the City, ſeeing theſe Things, became wroth, and were diſpleaſed, and ſaid unto this evil Leader of the People, even unto *John*, Why, O Son of Iſrael, haſt thou dealt with us in this Manner?

Behold! when thou waſt poor we took thee in, when thou waſt hungry we gave thee Bread, when thou waſt thirſty we gave thee Drink, and when thou waſt naked we clothed thee in Fur and Scarlet, yea we heaped Honours upon thee when thou hadſt no Honours of thy own.

Theſe Things have we done unto thee; yet behold, Son of Iſrael, in what Sort thou haſt dealt with us! Thou haſt, by thy Cunning, ſeduced away the Hearts of the People from the Laws; Confuſion is gone forth through the Land; they will not that they be ruled as their Fathers were ruled, and us they obey not, but thee.

Now when *John* heard theſe Things, he wiſt not what to ſay; for the Pride of his Spirit was raiſed in him, and he became exceeding wroth.

And he aroſe from his Seat, and he looked furiouſly upon the Elders, and he ſaid unto them, What! and is it come to this? Hear me then, ye whom I deſpiſe, and liſten to me, ye whom my Soul diſdaineth!

Have I not been the Protector of your Laws, and the Guardian of your Liberties? Have I not watched the People from Harm, even as the Shepherd watcheth the Flock by Night, becauſe of the Wolves?

Have I not fought againſt your Foes, and conquered; And have I not guided you in your Councils, blind and fooliſh as you are, and ſaid unto you, Thus, and thus, ſhall ye do?

And lo! what is my Reward, and what the Price of my Wiſdom? Reviling, and Scoffing, and Envy!

Now, touching thoſe Things which ye have ſaid concerning the People, hear me: It is true I poſſeſs the Hearts of the Multitude, and that I will endeavour always to poſſeſs them is not falſe.

Yet this I will turn to your Confuſion, and the Puniſhment of your Ingratitude ſhall be great.

I will depreſs you, and humble you, and bring you unto Shame; for all-powerful is my Voice, and I will cauſe that *Beaſts* rule over you inſtead of Men.

Thus ſaid, he left the Aſſembly of the Elders.

And he went unto the Flock, and there he found a *Bull Calf*, even a BULL; and he tied him by the Horns, and led him to the publick Place where the Multitude of the People were aſſembled.

And he entered among them, and ſtood up in the Midſt, and cried out with a loud Voice, *Behold, ye People of Gotham, I bring you a* CHIEF RULER, *and a Head of the Elders!*

And the whole People ſhouted, and danced with Joy, and anſwered him with one Voice, "Wiſely haſt thou done, O *John*, Son of Iſrael!"

He then departed with the *Beaſt*, and mounted him, even as People mount Horſes, and rode upon him to the Manſion Houſe of the Chief Ruler of the City.

And, as he went along, he ordered *Taapha*, who came from the weſtern Country, even the Country of *Goats*, to play upon the *Harp*.

And *Taapha* obeyed him; for though he was one of the Elders he was alſo one of the Servants of *John*, the Leader of the People.

And how the BULL roared, and reigned, behold! will it not be found in the Acts of the Times to come?

* *Mr. Wilkes is the Son of Iſrael Wilkes.*

TREASURY OFFICE, *March* 16, 1774.

THE ſeveral *Inſpectors* and *all other Perſons whatever*, who are in Arrear to the Treaſury, are deſired to diſcharge their reſpective Balances in the Courſe of the approaching General Court *without Fail*, as no Indulgences can be given.

RO. C. NICHOLAS, Treaſurer.

CHARLESTOWN, *February* 11.

ON Friday laſt arrived here from the Iſland of St. Thomas, in the Weſt Indies, his Excellency General Ropſtorff, late Governour of St. Croix, and Captain Bang, of his Daniſh Majeſty's Army, intending to make the Tour of the Britiſh Colonies.

The Commiſſioners of the Silk Manufacture have ſhipped on Board the Ship Carolina Packet, William White Maſter, for London, 405 lbs. of exceeding fine raw Silk, and 271bs. of an ordinary Quality, all of the Growth and Culture of Purryſburgh, in this Province.

The Murders lately committed in Georgia by the Indians have ſtruck the Frontier Inhabitants of this Province with ſuch Terrour that moſt of them have deſerted their Settlements, and abandoned their All. The Country about Saluda, Reedy River, Rayburn's Creek, and Pacolet, is depopulated, and the Panick is ſaid to have reached as far as the Frontiers of Virginia; notwithſtanding which, ſome Cherokee Indians have lately come down to Mr. Cameron, Deputy Superintendent of Indian Affairs, with Aſſurance of Peace. Mr. Cameron is uſing his utmoſt Endeavours to encourage the Inhabitants to make a Stand, and, in Caſe of the worſt, is erecting a large Stockade for their Reception; after finiſhing which he immediately ſets out for Keowee, in the lower Cherokee Country.

It is ſaid that the Creek Nation in general diſclaims any Knowledge of, or Share in, the late Murders in Georgia, which were perpetrated by fourteen Creeks and three Cherokees Theſe fourteen Creek-Indians are ſaid to belong to a Settlement on Oakmulguick River, called the Standing Peach Tree, which is compoſed of lower Creeks from the Coweta and Cuſſita Towns. They are ſaid to have been encouraged to ſettle there by Mr. Galphin, who carries on an advantageous Trade with them in their Hunting Grounds beyond Ogeeche, and in the Neighbourhood of Oakonick and Oakmulguick Rivers.

The Murder of White and Shirrol, and their Families, formerly mentioned, is accounted for as follows. Some of White's Horſes were ſtolen by Indians, whereupon he and Shirrol, with ſome others, purſued them, and overtook two Creek Indians with the Horſes, which they refuſed to give up. Upon this White ſhot one of the Indians; the other eſcaped, and having joined a Hunting Party of his Countrymen, tracked White and Shirrol to their Houſes, whom they afterwards ſacrificed to their Reſentment.

The Number of Indians that attacked the Georgia Militia and Rangers is ſaid to have exceeded ſeventeen in Number. The Detachment of Militia, under the Command of Captain Goudgion, was about 25 Men; they were joined by ten Rangers, under Quartermaſter Stewart. Lieutenant Grant was ſo ſtunned by a Ball, which grazed his Temple, that he fell from his Horſe, by which Means he unfortunately fell into the Hands of the Indians, who cruelly murdered him. His Body was found tied to a Tree, a Gun Barrel, ſuppoſed to have been red-hot, was thruſt into and left ſticking in his Body, his Scalp and Ears taken off, a painted Hatchet left ſticking in his Skull, twelve Arrows in his Breaſt, and a painted War Club left upon his Body.

Richard Pearis and Jacob Hite were, it is ſaid, warned by ſome Cherokee Women to provide for their Safety; they have, in Conſequence, moved off with their Effects from the Cherokee Lands.

BOSTON, *February* 22.

LATELY died at Dedham Mr. Nathaniel Guild, in the 96th Year of his Age. He had a numerous Offspring, viz. 10 Children, 6 living; 69 Grandchildren, 57 living; 96 Great Grandchildren, 80 living; 3 of the 5th Generation, 1 living; alſo 12 Sons and Daughters in Law, 51 Grandchildren by Marriage.

On Sunday the 23d ult. the Wife of a poor Labourer at Dover was delivered of four Children, three Daughters and one Son, who are all now in perfect Health, and like to remain ſo.

Friday Morning laſt, about three o'Clock, a Perſon called at a private Houſe in Weathersfield, went to a Bed where two young Men lay, and putting a male Child, four Months old, into the Bed, deſired they would take Care of it till he went for Dr. Porter, whom he wanted to ſet his Wife's Bones, which he pretended were broke by a Fall from his Horſe. They received the Child, and took Care of it till the Morning; when, being apprehenſive they had been impoſed upon, and made Inquiry of Dr. Porter, found that no ſuch Perſon had applied to him. They were immediately convinced of the Cheat, and made Application to the Selectmen of Weathersfield, who gave Orders that ſuitable Care be taken of the Child. It is generally thought, that the Perſon who left the young Child with the young Men was the diſguiſed unnatural Mother of it.

February 24. We hear that on Tueſday laſt the Honourable Commons Houſe of Aſſembly of this Province reſolved to impeach the Honourable Peter Oliver, Eſq; Chief Judge of the Superiour Court, before his Excellency the Governour, and the Honourable his Majeſty's Council, he being an unconſtitutional Judge.

We are informed that his Excellency Thomas Hutchinſon, Eſq; has concluded not to go to England at preſent.

We hear from Pownalborough, that Mr. Abiel Wood, who was appointed Deputy Marſhal to ſerve a Warrant from the Court of Admiralty on the Brigantine Brothers, upon his Return home found that Lieutenant Mowat and Maſter Hogs had carried off the ſaid Brigantine; and not knowing where to find thoſe Gentlemen, and obtain Redreſs of them for their very polite Treatment of him, he proceeded immediately to Kennebeck River, and attached a Brigantine called the Sophia (which thoſe Culprits have been two Years in building) together with her Cargo of Timber, &c. and had her ſtripped in ſuch a Manner, that, without a Reſcue, it is not probable ſhe will remove from her Moorings till the Inferiour Court ſits at Pownalborough in June next; at which Time it poſſibly will be known whether any Officer in the Navy can be juſtified in bidding Defiance to all American Laws, and removing private Property, by Force of Arms, to any Part of the Globe that his tyrannical Heart ſhall dictate to him.

NEW YORK, *March* 3.

YESTERDAY a very elegant Entertainment was given at Hull's, by his Excellency the Governour, to the Honourable the Gentlemen of his Majeſty's Council, and to the Gentlemen of the General Aſſembly.

A Bill is now paſſing through the Honourable Houſe of Aſſembly for building a Province Houſe for the Reſidence of his Excellency the Governour, and a Secretary's Office for the Reception of the Archives of the Province.

Extract of a Letter from St. Croix.

"By a Letter from Tortola we are informed that his Excellency Sir Ralph Payne was arrived there, on his Way to Crab Iſland, accompanied by the principal Gentlemen of Antigua and St. Kitt's, under Convoy of four Ships of War and a Tender. The latter was immediately deſpatched to the City of St. Juan Porto Rico, to inform the Spaniſh Governour that his Excellency intended to take Poſſeſſion of Crab Iſland, in the Name of his Britannick Majeſty. Crab Iſland is a very fertile little Spot, within Sight of St. Croix.

"Sir Ralph Payne offered to lay 4000 Guineas that in twelve Months the noble Iſland of Porto Rico would be given up to the Engliſh. May not theſe Ceſſions be the Reſult of a ſecret Negotiation between the Britiſh and Spaniſh Courts, in Exchange for Falkland's Iſlands, that their Jealouſies of our ſettling in the Southern Hemiſphere may be removed?"

PHILADELPHIA, *March* 7.

ON the 8th of January a Gale of Wind happened at Madeira, in which all the Veſſels then there were caſt away and loſt, except Captain Braſs of New York, who arrived at Carolina and brought the Account. There were none from Philadelphia, and only two from New York, Sanders and Angier, the Crews of both which were moſtly drowned.

WARSAW, *December* 25.

LETTERS from Moldavia, whilſt they confirm the taking of Siliſtria by the Ruſſians, vary about the Particulars of that important Conqueſt. Some Advices ſay, that they loſt 4000 Men at the Aſſault, others only 400. They differ likewiſe about the immenſe Booty ſaid to have been taken on that Occaſion; for, according to ſome, the Soldiers have divided 30,000 Rubles each, whilſt others ſay each Soldier's Share was 3000. Theſe Advices unanimouſly add, that the Town of Varna is in the Poſſeſſion of the Ruſſians, who are to march ſtrait forward to Adrianople, in Caſe the Want of Proviſions does not prevent them.

CONSTANTINOPLE, *November* 30 On the 26th Inſtant, in the Evening, the Ramadhan commenced. This Word properly ſignifies, in Arabick, a Heat which conſumes, becauſe formerly the Ramadhan happened always in Summer; whereas now it runs through all the Seaſons, the Muſſulman Year being lunar. During this Month, which is the ninth among the Arabs, the Mahometans obſerve the moſt rigorous Faſt, abſtaining from eating and drinking from Sunriſe to Sunſet, ſuſpending all Acts of Hoſtility, and interrupting all their Affairs, to attend entirely to Exerciſes of Piety. The Army would have been, during this Time, in a State of Inaction, if the Muſti had not ſent to the Grand Viſar, to excuſe the Troops from obſerving the Ramadhan.

We have learned, not without Uneaſineſs, that the Grand Viſar is advanced towards Bazardick, with the Standard of Mahomet, and the reſt of the Army. We flatter ourſelves that he has been joined by the Reinforcement ſent him. If the Fate of a general Battle ſhould be unfavourable to the Ottomans, the Ruſſians may eſtabliſh themſelves in Bulgaria, and penetrate perhaps as far as Adrianople; but we hope for every Thing from the Prudence of the Grand Viſar, the Bravery of Haſſan Pacha, and the Diſpoſition of the Troops.

From the DANUBE, *December* 24. Letters from Bulgaria adviſe, that the Tartars, who are ſtill under the Dominion of the Porte, ſeeing the ill Succeſs of the Operations of the Ottoman Army, had taken a Reſolution to quit it and return to their own Country.

FRANKFORT, *December* 31. It is ſaid that the Troops in France have received Orders to hold themſelves in Readineſs to march, and that 15,000 Bavarians were to be taken into Pay by that Crown.

VIENNA, *December* 25. According to Advices from Turkey, the Porte is ſo fully determined to carry on the War againſt Ruſſia that it is almoſt a Crime in the Ottoman Empire to venture to ſpeak of the approaching Return of Peace.

AMSTERDAM, *January* 8. By Letters from good Hands at Dantzick, dated the 25th ult. that City is in a much better State than they expected, as by the Intervention of ſome foreign Powers the Differences that had ariſen between that City and the Poliſh commercial Company will be ſo regulated as not only to be of Benefit to the Dantzickers, but to all other commercial European States.

BERLIN, *December* 25. The Queen of Pruſſia recovers daily from her late Indiſpoſition, but is not yet well enough to partake of the Amuſements of the Carnival, which are now begun, and will laſt as long as his Pruſſian Majeſty ſtays in Berlin.

NICE, *December* 18. The prodigious Quantity of Snow which has fallen on the Mountains retards the Arrival of the Poſt. A Courier, who was deſpatched from hence to Turin, has periſhed in the Snow; but the Portmanteau, containing the Letters, has been found. Several Mules have alſo been loſt in the Snow between this City and Turin, and People are now employed in digging out the Merchandiſe with which they were laden.

PARIS, *December* 31. Uncommon Devaſtation has been made this Winter by Hurricanes, as well on the Coaſts of this Kingdom as in the Levant and all the ſouthern Part of Europe. The Accounts from various Places, of the Numbers of Ships and Lives loſt, are moſt deplorable.

A female Impoſtor, who has lately made a great Noiſe in the Generality of Soiſſons, pretending to have been delivered of four evil Spirits in the Shape of Frogs, is apprehended by Order of the Intendant, and cloſely confined in Priſon. The ignorant Multitude were ſo perſuaded of the Reality of the Sorcery, that the Perſon who was accuſed of it has been obliged to quit the Country.

LONDON, *January* 11.

ACCORDING to our Advices from Rome, his Royal Highneſs the Duke of Cumberland was expected there on the 13th ult. incog. He will ſtay there but a very ſhort Time, to view all the Antiquities and remarkable Things; after which he will return to Florence, where a Palace is hired for his Reſidence, as he intends to continue there till very late in the enſuing Summer.

Extract of a Letter from Birmingham, *January* 6.

"Tueſday laſt a Meeting of the principal Inhabitants of this Town and Neighbourhood was held at the Swan Inn, for the Purpoſe of taking into Conſideration the Expedience and publick Utility of making a navigable Canal from hence to join that of Coventry and Oxford, which was unanimouſly approved."

Extract of a Letter from Portſmouth, *January* 6.

"Yeſterday Count Potowſki, the Ruſſian Ambaſſadour, came here from London, and immediately went on Board the ſeveral Ruſſian Men of War, when he was ſaluted, and returned on Board Admiral Greig's Ship, where he dined; and this Day he went on Board the Barfleur, Sir Peter Parker, where he was ſaluted on going on Board and coming aſhore.

"We hear the Ruſſian Tranſports are immediately ordered to ſail to the Mediterranean, before the Men of War, to ſupply the Ships now there with Proviſions and Stores.

"The Ships in the Harbour are ordered to Spithead, with all Expedition."

On a late very nice Calculation, it appears that the Sums collected for the Maintenance of the Poor in the ſeveral Pariſhes of this Kingdom exceed 800,000 l. Sterling annually.

The Conduct of the preſent patriotick Sheriffs ſeems, in all Things, to be truly laudable and exemplary, but in nothing more than viſiting the Compters and Lock-up Houſes, both in the City and County of Middleſex, they being always ready to hear the Language of Complaint; the Mention of their Names even generally procures inſtant Redreſs. It is generally underſtood that they have refuſed to admit two of the late Officers into Employment, becauſe they had been guilty of Mal-practices, and that they hold the Rod of ſtrict Juſtice over thoſe ſubordinate Officers, ſome of whom were formerly a Terrour to the Diſtreſſed, and a Diſgrace to Society.

On Friday Night Lady Dowager Dorothy Montague, of Lower Grosvenor Street, greatly advanced in Years, sitting in her Apartments, by some Accident her Clothes took Fire, and she was so terribly burnt that she died in a few Hours after.

Friday Evening a Youth about thirteen Years of Age, the only Son of Mr. Woods, Coal Merchant, in Farrier's Rents, Bishopsgate Street, died raving mad, occasioned by a Puppy licking him in the Mouth about three Months since.

Last Night the Lord Mayor gave an elegant Entertainment to the Gentlemen of his Household. There were upwards of 150 covered Dishes, besides a grand Dessert.

The Deficiency in the last Year's Revenues of the Sinking Fund amount to 700,000l. including the Sum paid by the East India Company.

We are told that a Summary of the Laws which are to take Place in the East Indies, when the Judges arrive there, are translating into Arabick, which are to be printed here in that Character, and are to be taken with them, to be dispersed among the Inhabitants, in Order to inform them of the Tenour of the Laws by which they are to be governed for the future.

There is now in the Possession of Lord Mansfield, at his House in Bloomsbury Square, a Picture of Betterton the famous Tragedian, painted by Mr. Pope, which is esteemed a fine Likeness, and a good Portrait. We have been assured, that this celebrated Poet (though it is a Circumstance very little known) excelled so much in this Sister Art as to be little inferiour to his Friend Jervais, whom he has so immortalized in his Works.

We hear that a celebrated Wit, now in Dublin, who lately escaped being burnt in his Bed, is become so sensible (from the late Specimen he underwent) of being *personally roasted*, that he is determined in future to spare his *best Friends*, and turn the *Flame* of his *Wit* only to general Satire. It is very remarkable, that what he had been reading, which gave Rise to the above Accident, should be "*Measure for Measure*."

It is thought that the great House in Bristol which lately stopped Payment will be made Bankrupts of, and 500l. per Annum allowed them during the Recovery of the outstanding Debts. This Arrangment is to be agreed on for the better Accommodation of their Affairs, as upon the very first Meeting every Thing appeared so fair and honourable on their Side that a Spirit of Emulation ran through the Whole of the Creditors of doing them every Service in their Power. This House has been considered, for *Imports* and *Exports*, the *first* in Europe for above Half a Century, and inferiour to none in Candour and Liberality of Dealing. The *Stamp Act* was the first Cause of their Misfortunes, having at that Time due to them from the Americans 110,000l. Part of which they have been many Years out of, and Part which they will never recover. It is, however, thought, on a final Settlement of their Affairs, they will have an Income clear of 20,000l. Their bad Debts, in the Course of these thirteen Years last past, amount to 60,000l. and upwards.

Yesterday, in the Forenoon, the Lady of a Gentleman of Distinction, near Bond street, hanged herself in her Dressing Room; but was happily cut down by her Maid, Time enough to save her Life. The Cause of this rash Attempt is variously related.

Tuesday Evening Mr. Wheeler, Piece Broker, in Three Crown Court, Oxford Street, was stopped near Acton by a single Footpad, who presented a Pistol to his Breast, and robbed him of 19s. and a 5s. 3d. Piece. He then made him dismount, when the Villain got on the Horse, and rode off, wishing him a good Walk home.

January 12. A Letter from Constantinople, dated October 30th, says: "The Moors in the Neighbourhood of this City having again revolted, a Body of Troops, commanded by the Bey of Constantine, attacked and routed them. That Bey has just sent to this Capital sixty Heads, 400 Pair of Ears, and fifty Prisoners."

They write from Grenoble, that some Persons who lately went a-hunting discovered near the Summit of the Alps, in the Parish of Hues, some Ruins of an ancient City, surrounded with Walls, within which are still to be distinguished the Remains of 150 Houses, a Tower or Fort above 100 Toises in Circumference, a Ditch cut out of the Rock of great Depth, and the Ruins of a Building superiour to the rest, which is thought to have been a Citadel. The Origin and Name of this ancient Habitation are at present unknown.

On Tuesday last the Right Honourable the Earl of Sandwich, and Sir Richard Bickerton, sailed in an Ice Boat, on West Meadow, Godmanchester, in the County of Huntingdon. There was a great Number of Spectators, and it was judged that the Boat sailed after the Rate of thirty Miles an Hour. It is thought to be the first that was ever seen in England.

The following shocking Affair lately happened at Breslaw. A Prussian Soldier returning from the Review, where he had been very ill treated, as soon as he came to his Lodgings, where he found his two male Children, one two Years old, lying in the Cradle, and the other about six Years old, standing and playing with the younger one, immediately took his Sword and stabbed them both. The poor Infants soon after expired. The cruel Parricide surrendered himself to the Police, and upon the first Examination acknowledged the black Action. "I have done no more (said he) than the Duty of a tender Father, and Philosopher too. A Roman Cato had a Right to put an End to his Life when he saw Rome enslaved. I have the same Right over these poor Creatures, the Cause of whose Existence I am. I found their Life, under a despotick Tyrant, could not but be the greatest Misery to them; and you have a Right to do with me as the Laws of foolish Society direct you."

We hear that one William Wedrift, a Coal Porter at Shadwell, is engaged by a Gentleman to walk against a Horse, the Property of a Person at Westminster. The Wager is one Hundred Guineas that Wedrift goes to York and back again in less Time than the Horse can perform it. They are both to start at the same Time.

Monday Afternoon a Youth about fifteen Years of Age, the only Son of Mr. Bearst, Wheelwright in Spitalfields, went to take a Bone from the Yard Dog, when the Animal seized him by the Belly and tore out his Bowels before any Person came to his Assistance. He survived about Half an Hour after, when he expired in great Agony.

A Person who was committed on Monday to Clerkenwell Bridewell, on a violent Suspicion of Forgery, in an Hour after hanged himself against the Door.

January 13. The Sinking Fund Surpluses being surcharged in Time of profound Peace, is an Instance not known (says a Correspondent) since the Establishment of that Fund, early in the Reign of George the first.

The Princess of Brunswick is, it is said, again pregnant; and that, as she will not be permitted to visit this Country, Mrs. W—— will go over, as usual, for the Purpose of attending her in Germany. It is a little remarkable, that every Branch of the Royal Family have had female Midwives, except in Cases of singular Exigence; at the very Time that the reigning Fashion has been, in this Kingdom, for Gentlemen alone to be trusted in that Character.

Yesterday Morning, in Consequence of a Message from Sir Edward Newenham to Alderman Geale, relative to a Postscript at the Foot of one of the Alderman's late Polls, they met in a Field behind Kilbarrick Church. Sir Edward Newenham's Pistol missed Fire twice. The Alderman did not fire his, but reserved it; upon which the Seconds, Robert Tighe, Esq; and Mr. James Napper Tandy, insisted that they should equally advance, and shake Hands, which was accordingly done.

A Correspondent, who dates from Enfield, January 11th, informs us that on Sunday Afternoon a most astonishing Number of Larks were observed to fly over that Place and Winchmore Hill in a regular Column, some of which extended upwards of two Miles in Length, and all moving to the southward. He wishes that any of our Readers, who are versed in Natural History, would account for this Phenomenon.

The Premier was lately heard to say, that rigorous Measures are intended against the Bostonians, soon after the Parliament have despatched their more important Business.

Tuesday Mr. Slade, Clerk to Mr. Furz, Distiller in Southwark, was robbed by two Highwaymen, on Bagshot Heath, of upwards of 80l. They had kept Company with him near two Miles before they committed the Robbery; and on his telling them he had delivered all his Money, they gave him Half a Guinea to defray his Expenses to Town.

They write from Constantinople, that it is strongly reported there that the Grand Seignior himself intends to take the Command of his Troops at the next Campaign, and that the Chevalier Tott is to attend his Sublime Highness in the Army. It is added, that there never were Christians who met with such distinguished Honour from the Porte as the Chevalier de St. Priest (the French Ambassadour) and the Chevalier Tott, with both of whom the Grand Seignior, and several Members of the High Divan, have frequent Conferences.

They write from Helsingor, that the Hurricanes have done great Damage in the Baltick and the North Sea. A Pilot and three Sailors, who escaped the most imminent Dangers, assure that upwards of 75 Ships have been driven on the Coast of Jutland by a Storm, most of which are lost. We are informed, by later Advices, that for the Space of four Miles no Ships are to be seen abandoned. Towards the Place called Robert Kunft Riff, and Fladetrauld, six have sunk.

An Account is ordered to be laid before a great Assembly of the Quantity of Wheat exported to America for seven Years.

January 14. Yesterday his Majesty, attended by his Grace the Duke of Ancaster and the Earl of Pomfret, went in State to the House of Peers, when the Commons being sent for, and come, his Majesty opened the Sessions of Parliament with the following most gracious Speech from the Throne:

"*My Lords and Gentlemen,*

The unusual Length of the last Session of Parliament made me desirous of giving you as long a Recess as the publick Service would admit. I have, therefore, been glad to find myself under no Necessity of calling you from your respective Counties at an earlier Season; and I doubt not but you are now met together, in the best Disposition, for applying yourselves to the Despatch of the publick Business.

You will, I am persuaded, agree with me in regretting that the Peace so long expected, and so very desirable, is not not yet effected between Russia and the Porte; but it is with real Satisfaction I can repeat, that other foreign Powers continue still to have the same pacifick Dispositions with myself. I can have no other Wish than to see the general Tranquillity restored; for the Establishment, and subsequent Preservation of which, no Endeavours of mine, consistent with the Honour of my Crown and the Interests of my People, shall ever be wanting.

In this State of foreign Affairs, you will have full Leisure to attend to the Improvement of our internal and domestick Situation, and to the Prosecution of Measures more immediately respecting the Preservation and Advancement of the Revenue and Commerce of the Kingdom. Among the Objects which in this View will come under your Consideration, none can better deserve your Attention than the State of the Gold Coin; which I must recommend to you in a more particular Manner, as well on Account of its very high Importance, as of the peculiar Advantages which the present Time affords for executing with Success such Measures as you may find it expedient to adopt with Respect to this great national Concern.

The Degree of Diminution which that Coin actually suffered, and the very rapid Progress which the Mischief was daily making, were truly alarming. It is with much Satisfaction that I have seen the Evil in a great Measure checked, by the Regulations made in the last Session of Parliament. I trust, however, that you will not stop here, nor think that you have discharged your Duty, either to your Country or your Fellow Subjects, without using your best Endeavours for putting the Gold Coin upon such a Footing as may not only completely remove the present Grievance, but render the Credit and Commerce of the Kingdom sufficiently secure from being again exposed to the like Danger.

Gentlemen of the House of Commons,

I have ordered the proper Estimates for the current Year to be laid before you, and rely on your Readiness to grant me such Supplies as shall be found requisite in the present Situation of Affairs.

My Lords and Gentlemen,

The Experience I have had of your past Conduct leaves me no Room to doubt either of your Zeal or Prudence in your Endeavours to promote the Welfare of your Country. You will not suffer any Parts of the publick Service to escape your Attention, but, various and extensive as those are, you will be careful to select, for your immediate Deliberation, such of them as shall appear to be most Important; and you can propose no Measures, that will serve either to secure or advance the Happiness and Prosperity of my People, in which you may not always depend on my most hearty Concurrence &c."

Both Houses of Parliament were prodigiously crowded yesterday; and they broke up before four o'Clock, each House having first voted a loyal Address to his Majesty on his most gracious Speech. This Day the House of Peers will wait on his Majesty with their Address.

The Prince of Wales, the Bishop of Osnaburg, and the Duke of Gloucester, were present in the House of Peers.

Yesterday the Earl of Warwick and Lord Lyttleton took their Oaths and Seats in the House of Peers, each in the Room of his Father, deceased.

Yesterday one of the Lord Mayor's young Men, being in a Fever, and delirious, threw himself out of a Window at his Apartments in Thames Street; he was taken up alive, but expired about four Hours after. His Place is in the Disposal of the Lord Mayor, who receives two Thirds of the Money it sells for. The last Place of this Kind, it is said, sold for 1500l.

Our Letters by yesterday's Flanders Mail give a circumstantial Account of what happened between the Russians and the Turks near Varna on the 12th of November last, according to which General Ungern Sternberg lost 6000 Men, among whom are General Reize and 21 Officers; and that General Dolgorucki, who marched with his Corps on another Road in Order to join the former, when he was informed of the unhappy Event, turned back; but his advanced Guard, consisting of near 3000 Cossacks, who were advanced too far, fell into the Hands of the Bassa of Adrianople, who was just come to defend the Fortress of Varna, and all these 3000 Cossacks were cut to Pieces by his Troops. They add, that notwithstanding the Loss which that General sustained, yet his Undertaking was very laudable; and if he had come two Hours sooner he would have rendered himself Master of that important Fortress, which would have proved very fatal to the Enemy. Nevertheless, his Way of retiring with the rest of the Troops did him great Honour.

On Monday Night the House of Mr. Carter, Tanner, at Bell Barr in Hertfordshire, was burnt entirely down to the Ground, together with all the Outhouses. Mr. Carter, his Wife, two Children, and a Maid Servant, perished in the Flames. It is supposed to have been set on Fire by the Floods getting to the Lime, a great Quantity of which was in the House.

We hear from Potsdam, that his Prussian Majesty is ever in close Conference with the Russian and Austrian Ministers. Courier upon Courier are continually arriving from, and sending to, their triumvirate Courts. Upon the late Defeat of the Turks, two Expresses came within four Hours of each other; when it was the next Day propagated at Berlin that a Revolution was daily expected at Constantinople, and all the Christian Merchants were removing their Effects with the utmost Secrecy and Expedition from that Capital. The Rage of the Turks is so great at this Time, against the Christians and Jews, that there is no walking the Streets of Constantinople, for Fear of their Fury. The Grand Seignior hourly distributes large Sums of Money among his Janisaries, to hinder their Revolt; but without he marches in Person at their Head, and leads them on to Battle (which is what they cry aloud for) all his temporising will avail him nothing.

January 15. Yesterday the Honourable Commissioners for victualling his Majesty's Navy, contracted with Mr. Peter Mellish for 450 Oxen, to be killed for Sea Store, at his Majesty's Victualling Office, London, at 28s. 11d. the Hundred Weight.

Thursday the Lord Mayor took his Seat in the House of Commons; he was introduced and led up to the Speaker by Mr. Serjeant Glynn and Alderman Crosby.

By a Correspondent from Athlone, we learn that a few Days past a Duel was fought there between Lieutenant Colonel Pigott and Major Bruce of the 38th Regiment, and we hear the slight Occasion which gave Rise to the following fatal Result was no more than the latter telling the former he was an *Egyptian*. In Consequence of this Expression the Colonel demanded an Explanation, which the other refused, telling him he was at Liberty to put on the Word whatever Construction he *thought proper*; a Term which, between Men of Honour, is always considered as a Challenge. It was therefore understood as such; and the two Gentlemen, with their Seconds, met on the Ground. Captain Otto, who was the Colonel's Friend, demanded from Lieutenant Sutherland, who was the Major's Friend, what Explanation Mr. Bruce chose to give of the Expression he made Use of at the Mess. The Major made Answer, that by the Word *Egyptian* he intended to have it understood as a Person of *grovelling* and *mean Principles*. The two Gentlemen then took their respective Stands. Colonel Pigott firing first, his Ball struck against the fourth Rib on Major Bruce's right Side, and breaking the Bone, forced its Way, with Part of his Clothes and Shirt, into the Body, where it penetrated too far to be extracted, and he was afterwads, by the Surgeon, deemed past all Hopes of Recovery. When the Major received the Shot, he staggered forwards; and his Pistol, either by Design or Accident, going off, the Ball struck on the Inside of Colonel Pigott's Wrist, and from thence directing its Course to the fleshy Part of the Arm, just grazed the Skin, and made its Lodgment about two Inches below the Armpit on the Outside, from whence it has since been extracted, without any dangerous Symptoms.

A short Time since two French Dragoons left their Regiment, and took a Resolution to kill each other at the same Instant. To effect this, they went to a Publick House at St. Denis; and, after drinking together, one of them made his Will, which he left in Writing. They then went out and fired a Pistol the same Instant at each other, and both fell dead on the Spot. Their Bodies have since been exposed at the outer Room of the Prison. One of them, aged 21, is of a good Family in Paris, and his Comrade is 26. They wrote between them fourteen Letters, to be sent to their Parents and Friends after their Decease.

A severe Boxing Match was fought yesterday Morning, in a Field near Pancras, between the Son of a Gentleman of Fortune at the west End of the Town, and a Schoolmaster, wherein the latter received an unlucky Blow on the Temple, which killed him on the Spot. It is said the young Gentleman held him a Grudge on Account of some cruel Treatment he received from him when he was his Pupil, and meeting him accidentally a few Days since, at a Coffeehouse in the City, took him by the Nose, which was the Occasion of the Battle. The Deceased, it seems, not understanding the Sword, chose to decide the Quarrel with their Fists, rather than fight with Pistols.

It was yesterday mentioned, at the Bank, that the farther Improvement of the Gold Coin intended by Government is to prohibit the Use of Guineas of former Reigns, and those of his present Majesty only to be current; the Loss, as before, to be born by Individuals.

Mr. Burke being asked yesterday his Opinion of a certain Speech, replied, "it is a golden One."

We hear that Sir Watkin Lewes intends preferring his Petition, in Behalf of himself and the independent Freemen of the City of Worcester, on Wednesday, being the first Day of the Meeting of the House of Commons in the next Week; which Petition, it is expected, will disclose some very notorious Instances of Bribery and Corruption.

Thursday Night an elderly Man, and a Woman, supposed to be his Wife, went to a Lodging House in the Park, Southwark, where they paid for a Bed to lie that Night; and yesterday Morning the Mistress of the House, to her great Surprise, found them both hanging to a large Staple, which was drove in a Beam in a Room where they lay.

January 17. The following is his Majesty's most gracious Answer to the humble Address of the Right Honourable the Lords Spiritual and Temporal in Parliament assembled, presented to his Majesty on Friday last:

"*My Lords,*

"I thank you for this loyal Address. Nothing can give me greater "Satisfaction than these Assurances of your Duty and Affection. You "may always depend upon my hearty Concurrence in every Measure "that contributes to the Improvement of Commerce, and the true Inte-"rest and Prosperity of my People."

The humble Address of the House of Commons was presented to his Majesty on Saturday last, to which his Majesty was pleased to return a very gracious Answer.

On Saturday the Patience of the Speaker of the House of Commons was entirely spent before a sufficient Number of Members could be procured to constitute a House. The Messengers were sent to the Treasury, Admiralty, and the Coffeehouses near the Palace for that Purpose, and it was full Half after two before the Speaker took the Chair. As soon as they returned from St. James's, his Majesty's Answer to the Address was reported, and the House, without doing any other Business, adjourned to this Day.

The Motions intended to have been made in the Upper Assembly are postponed till the Beginning of the next Month.

The first Business of any Consequence intended to be taken up in the Upper Assembly is, we hear, the Petition of the Dissenters.

The intended Act for the Regulation of the Coin means to fix the following Weights and Allowances for reasonable Wear: Five Pennyweights three Grains for all Guineas coined before the Reign of the late King, five Pennyweights six Grains from that Period to the sixth of his present Majesty, and, from the latter to the present Time the full Standard. The Loss on the Whole, arising from the above Regulation, it is computed, will not amount to more than 40,000l. whereas the Loss to the Holders of Money, according to the Act of last Sessions, amounted to 300,000l. or near 12 per Cent. on 2,500,000l. light Money paid into the Bank, &c.

It is said that on Tuesday last Mr. Franklin, an Agent of one of the American Colonies, was examined touching the Letters that gave Rise to a late Duel.

Extract of a Letter from Gosport, *January* 13.

"Wednesday two Expresses arrived here; one to the Commissioner, giving him Orders to supply the Russian Fleet with every Kind of Stores and Provisions that may be necessary; the other was to the Russian Ambassadour, who is at the George Inn here.

"Another Express arrived at the Commissioner's Office last Night, which is thought to be an Order for fitting fifteen Sail of the Line ready for Commission, in Case they should shortly be called for.

"We hear the Russian Men of War will be ready for Sea in about a Week's Time, as their Bottoms are very good, and they want only their Decks and upper Works to be caulked. These Ships are to be supplied with the new constructed Pumps and Blocks."

This Day, about Half past two o'Clock, the House met, and proceeded to Business. His Majesty's Speech was read, and a Motion made for granting farther Supplies to his Majesty, and agreed to be determined on Wednesday next; after which the Committee broke up, and the Speaker took the Chair again. No Debates ensued.

A Petition for extending the Navigation from Selby to Leeds, &c. was read and referred. Petitions were also presented for making the Rivers Calder and Aire navigable.

January 18. It is now said that no Petitions will be presented for an undue Election of the City of London.

It is said that no Petitions for private Bills will be received in the Upper Assembly after the 1st of March ensuing.

The late dreadful Fire in Wych Street began at a Cabinet Maker's Workshop, from whence the Flames were communicated to the Houses of Mr. Tapper and Mr. Massey, Embroiderers. There were nine Houses consumed, in all.

Sunday Night, about six o'Clock, a Person knocked at the Door of Mr. Boyd, Merchant in Swan Court, St. Bartholomew Lane, when the Footman opened the Door (he being the only Person in the House) and three more immediately followed him; they locked the Door, bound the poor Man with Cords, gagged him, and flung him into the Coal Hole, then plundered the House of Notes, Cash, Plate, and Jewels, to a great Value. The Master arrived in Town this Morning about twelve o'Clock, and the Footman now lies at the Point of Death.

On Saturday last Lord Townshend, Sir Jeffery Amherst, and Sir Charles Frederick, went to the Tower and viewed the Places where the late Fire happened, and expressed their Anger at a large Quantity of Powder being clandestinely lodged in the Cellar of one of the Houses, as it might have been attended with the most dangerous Consequences. Lord Townshend ordered several new Cisterns, Fire Cocks, and Buckets, to be fixed in different Parts of the Tower, to be in Readiness to supply the Engines, if a like Accident should happen; likewise that the Stationer's Shop should be removed from the White Tower, as it was dangerous to keep so large a Quantity of Paper near the Magazine. Lord Townshend mentioned the great Impropriety of having but one Entrance into the Tower, and proposed building another Drawbridge from the Devil's Battery to Irongate; as, should a Fire happen at the present Entrance, it would be impossible either to convey Engines to it or for the Inhabitants to escape.

A Gentleman yesterday mentionging the Scarcity of Provisions to Mr. Burke, and asking him the Reason why Parliament did not take some Measure to remedy the Evil, he jokingly replied, "We are very easy about it, for Governour Pownal takes Care to supply us with Bread, and we have Beef, Pork, and Wildfowl in the House; meaning Bull, Bacon, and Coote."

Yesterday Morning, about eleven o'Clock, the Recorder was seized on the Bench with another severe Fit of the Gout, and obliged to be carried home immediately in a Sedan. The City Remembrancer was obliged to attend in his Stead, in Order to finish the Sessions, and to pass Sentence on the Prisoners.

This Morning, about one o'Clock, a Fire broke out in the Stables at Rose Inn, in the Fleet Market, which suffocated four fine Coach Horses, consumed a large Quantity of Hay and Straw, and did other considerable Damage before it was extinguished. It was with the utmost Difficulty the whole Building was saved.

Saturday, as two young Men, Brothers, named Burden, who live in Norris's Street, Ratcliff Highway, were out a-shooting in Stepney Fields, a Quarrel arose concerning a small Bird one of them shot, when the youngest discharged his Piece at his Brother, and wounded him in so terrible a Manner that he now lies past Hopes of Recovery.

We are credibly informed, that so far from any of the national Debt being paid off this Year a farther Loan of 600,000l. will be added to the three per Cents.

By the same Authority, we learn that Plan of a Lottery of 60,000 Tickets has been delivered in to Lord North, and approved of, and that the Subscription will be 12l. a Ticket.

Extract of a Letter from Vienna, *December* 15.

"We have just received the following authentick Advices from Marshal Romanzow's Army. On the 10th of November the first Attack was made on Silistria, when the Russians were repulsed with the Loss of 1200 Men killed, and above 600 desperately wounded. The Russians then erected several Batteries of great Guns, and five Mortar Batteries, about the Town, which played for three Days and Nights, doing considerable Damage, many Parts of the Town being set on Fire by the Shells, and Breaches made in the Walls by the Shot from the Gun Batteries. On the 15th a second Attack was made, but without Success. The Turks fought as Men in Desperation. However, on the 17th the Russians were Masters of the Place by Assault, and not by Capitulation, as has been reported. The Russians lost in the Whole, be-

fore Silistria, 2700 Men, and had upwards of 3000 wounded. A fine Train of Brass Artillery, together with several large Magazines of Stores, Provisions, &c. were found there; and several Thousand Purses of Sequins for the Payment of the Grand Visiar's Army. Seven Thousand of the Turks were made Prisoners of War, and several other great Advantages gained. In short, this is the most important and advantageous Event for the Russians during the War."

Saturday one James Benston, a Chelsea Pensioner, went to receive his Half yearly Payment at the Hospital, and on his Return home was met by a Footpad, who robbed him of all he had about him, and threatened his Life. This so affected him, that as soon as he came home to his Lodgings in Blackfriars he tied a Rope about his Neck and hanged himself on his Bedstead, but was cut down just Time enough to save his Life.

DUBLIN, *January* 8. It is confidently asserted, that should the Loan by Annuites be filled the Stamp Act will be discontinued the next Sessions of Parliament, and not make Part of the hereditary Revenue, as reported.

By a Letter received on Thursday last from Kinsale, we learn that Major Bruce is dead of the Wounds he received in the Duel with Colonel Pigot.

EDINBURGH, *January* 5. There died lately at Huntley one James Cruickshank, an Errand Runner, perhaps the most perfect Miser that ever existed. He never lighted Fire or Candle in his House, nor ever eat or drank at home, save what Victuals he brought in his Pocket from his last Employer, and never bought a Coat in his Life. When Death made his awful Approach, with Reluctance and Difficulty he pointed to the Place where his Gold lay. In a Hole of the Floor were 60 Guineas, in another 40l. in Silver, and in an old Box thrust into a third Hole was 50l. more in Silver. Besides these he had many Halfpence, but only two Bank Notes, for he always abhorred Paper Money. He had also by him a large Parcel of Nails, Horse Shoes, &c. which he had picked up on the Road.

GOSPORT, *January* 14. This Day the Money arrived at the Commissioner's Office for the Payment of the Guardships, down to six Months.

Some of the Russians daily die in some of our Hospitals. At this present Time we have a great Number of Men belonging to the Russian Fleet in the said Hospital.

OXFORD, *January* 15. On the 4th Instant, at Haversham, Bucks, a very singular Inquisition was taken by the Coroner for the said County, on View of the Bodies of one male and two female Bastard Children, found secreted between a Chimney and a House at that Place, occupied for some Time past by a Man and his Daughter; when it appeared, upon Examination of divers Witnesses, and the Confession of the Daughter, that she had criminally cohabited with her Father, by whom she had all the above named Infants; that she was from Time to Time privately delivered of them all; that two of them were born alive, and immediately murdered by her Father; that the last was still born; and that all three were secreted by her said Father behind the Chimney, from whence they had been taken. Upon which Evidence and Confession the Jury brought in their Verdict, that two of the Children were murdered by the Father (who died about a Year ago) and his Daughter is committed to Aylesbury Jail to take her Trial at the next Assizes. And on Saturday last a second Inquisition was taken in the same Place, on View of another Child, afterwards found behind the same Chimney, supposed to have been her's, and murdered and secreted there by her and her deceased Father.

YORK, *January* 12. On Thursday se'nnight, at Night, a female Heroine, disguised in Man's Apparel, stopped and robbed two young Fellows (Waiters at the Inns in Ferrybridge, and Brothers) at a small Distance from that Town; which, though committed as a Joke, is likely to be attended with very serious Consequences, as it is said the Parties robbed will prosecute the female Pad.

SALISBURY, *January* 17. On Sunday the 9th Instant, in the Morning, a Fire broke out in the Seat of the Honourable Mr. Fox at Winterslow, which, in a few Hours burnt the same to the Ground, all except the Kitchen, which, being a detached Building, escaped the Flames. Most of the Plate, Pictures, and valuable Furniture, were saved. It is supposed to have been kindling for some Time, as several of the Family had perceived a Smell of Fire for some Days before it broke out, but could not discover from whence it proceeded.

PORTSMOUTH, *January* 11. Sailed from hence, the Princess Augusta, Livingston, the Friendship, Wilson, the Prospect, Read, the Dingley, Brown, the Betsey, Stephenson, and the Edward, Wood, all for the Mediterranean, with Stores for the Russian Fleet.

WILLIAMSBURG, *March* 24.

BY the Brigantine Abby, Captain Herbert, arrived at Norfolk, we learn that Advice was received in England of the Destruction of the East India Company's Tea at Boston, which had caused several Meetings of the Directors, but did not make that Noise which was first expected.——The London, Robertson, was to sail for York River in a few Days after Captain Herbert.

Deaths.] Reverend RICHARD HEWITT, Rector of Hungar's, in Northampton.

Old WILLIAM JENKINS, at Winchester. This Man attended Colonel Washington, a little before the Commencement of last War, upon his hazardous and fatiguing Journey to Fort Venango, with a Letter from Governour Dunwiddie to the Commandant there, complaining of the Encroachments and Depredations of the French; when he so recommended himself to that Gentleman, for his Integrity and other valuable Qualities, that he was employed during all the Campaigns on the Ohio as an Express in the Country's Service, and has pursued the same Occupation ever since, to the entire Satisfaction of every Person that employed him.

☞ A LOVER OF CANDOUR *came too late for this Week's Paper, but will have a Place in our next.*

Advertisements.

LENT to some of my Acquaintance, or lost, Dr. BEATTIE ON TRUTH, and REID ON THE HUMAN MIND. Any Person who has either of those Books will oblige me by informing the Printer thereof or returning them to me. The Name at the Bottom of the Coat of Arms denotes the Owner. RALPH WORMELEY, Junior.

ALL Persons indebted to the Estate of Captain *William Wills*, deceased, of *Warwick* County, are requested to make speedy Payment, the Circumstances of the Estate not admitting of any Indulgence; and those who have any Claims against the Estate are desired to make them known.

WILLIS WILLS, }
THOMAS HAYNES, } xecutors.

FREDERICKSBURG, *February* 22, 1774.

WHEREAS Mr. JOHN WALLER, Clerk of *Spotsylvania* Court, by Deed, dated the —— Day of ——, 1766, and recorded in the said Court, did sell and transfer to *John Mitchell* and Company all the Fees and Profits arising and accruing from his Clerkship from that Date, until several large Sums of Money, in the same Deed expressed to be due the Company from *Waller*, were fully satisfied, as by the Deed may more fully appear; and since the executing thereof, although all the Fees and Profits that have been received by the Company have been faithfully applied towards discharging the Debt, yet a large Sum still remains due, and many of the Fees and Perquisites of his Office, heretofore placed in the Hands of Sheriffs, and others, to collect, are unpaid and unaccounted for, as also several Fees now due remain unplaced in the Hands of any One to collect, as I am informed: I therefore take this Method to acquaint those whom it may concern, that I have obtained from *John Waller*, and the Company aforesaid, an irrevocable Power and Authority not only to call any Persons to a Reckoning that have been empowered to collect the said Fees and Profits, and have failed properly to account for and pay the same, but also to receive those that are now or may hereafter become due to the said *Waller*, by Virtue of his Office and Clerkship aforesaid, until the said Debt is fully paid; with a farther irrevocable Power, to substitute any Person or Persons I may think proper to act for me in this Matter. All Persons therefore, at their Peril, are to take Notice, that Payments made of the Fees to any One hereafter, except myself, or those I may substitute in my Place, will be deemed void; and I require all Sheriffs and Collectors, that have failed to account and pay the Fees placed in their Hands to collect, to do the same immediately, otherwise I shall proceed against them as the Law directs. JAMES SOMERVELLE.

OSCAR,

A *BEAUTIFUL SORREL, fifteen Hands three Inches high, of an elegant Form, great Strength and Activity, now stands at my Plantation near* Petersburg, *and will cover the ensuing Season at a Pistole the Leap, or three Pistoles for the Season.*

"This Horse was got by YOUNG SNIP, his Dam by Lord *Morton's* "ARABIAN, his Grandam by OLD CRAB, his great Grandam by "the BALD GALLOWAY, his great great Grandam by *Darley's* "ARABIAN, out of BAY BOLTON'S Dam."

Those who oblige me by sending Mares may rely that the utmost Care shall be taken of them.

JOHN BANISTER.

WILLIAMSBURG, *March* 22, 1774.

AS I intend to leave the Colony soon, those who are indebted to me are requested to make an immediate Settlement, and those who have any Demands against me to bring in their Accounts. (2‖) EPHRAIM ROSS.

SOME Time in the Year 1772 there was sent to my Store in *Sussex* County, by Mr. *Richard Booker*, a BALE of ROLLS marked SP, which was supposed to belong to Dr. *Samuel Peete*; since which that Gentleman has seen it, but says it is not his Property. The Owner, therefore, may have it on paying Charges and applying to (1‖) RICHARD HILL.

WILLIAMSBURG, *March* 22, 1774.

A SOBER Man that is well acquainted with Hair Dressing and Wig Making, may meet with good Encouragement by applying to the Subscriber.

GEORGE LAFONG.

MARCH 20, 1774.

ABOUT thirty choice *Virginia* born SLAVES (Men, Women, Boys, and Girls) will be sold at *Winchester*, on *Tuesday* the 5th of *April* (if fair, otherwise next fair Day) for ready Money, or such Merchants Notes as are approved of, payable at the ensuing Meeting in *Williamsburg*. (2)

FREDERICKSBURG, *March* 16, 1774.

ALL Persons who have any Demands against the Estate of *George Gray*, deceased, late of *Stafford* County, are desired to bring them in properly attested, that they may be settled and paid of as soon as possible.

GEORGE WEEDON, Administrator.

MARCH 24, 1774.

THE next Meeting of *The Subscribers to the Fund for the Relief of the Widows and Orphans of Clergymen* is to be held on *Saturday* the 30th of *April*. Officers for the present Year are, the Reverend *John Camm*, Treasurer, Reverend *Benjamin Blagrove*, *Henry Skyring*, *James Maury Fontaine*, *Thomas Price*, *William Bland*, and *Alexander White*, Trustees; the Reverend *William Leigh*, Morning Preacher; and the Reverend *John Brackenridge*, Afternoon Preacher.

JACOB BRUCE, Clerk.

ON the 14th of *April* will be sold, to the highest Bidder, at *Bermuda Hundred*, about two Hundred Pounds worth of MERCHANDIZE. Six Months Credit will be allowed for all Articles above forty Shillings, upon giving Bond and Security to the Executors of Captain *John Hylton*. FRANCIS EPPES.
(3) JOHN HYLTON.

*** The Executors desire those who have Claims against the Estate to make them known, and those indebted thereto to make immediate Payment.

FOR SALE,

A SMALL TRACT of LAND lying in *York* County, near *York* River, exceedingly well situated for Fish and Oysters; a very good Dwelling-House, Barn, and other Outhouses, and a beautiful young Apple Orchard. The Terms may be known by applying to
(1‖) JAMES DUDLEY.

KING HEROD

STANDS at *Rosegill*, and will cover Mares at 4l. the Season. Those who send Mares must send the Money, otherwise they shall not be left. The valuable Qualities, and the Pedigree, of this Horse, are sufficiently notorious. RALPH WORMELEY, Junior.

THE noted high blooded *English* Horse ARISTOTLE stands in full Perfection this Season at the Subscriber's Plantation in *Southampton* County, on *Meherrin* River, to cover Mares at 30s. the Leap, 3l. the Season, and 5l. to ensure. Good Pasturage gratis, and all Directions carefully attended to, but I will not be liable for any that may be lost. WILLIAM BLUNT.

SURRY

COVERS the ensuing Season at *Norman's Ford*, *Fauquier* County, for fifty Shillings Cash, brought with the Mares, or three Pounds Credit, till *October*. Care will be taken to secure them from Accident, by a strong Fence; and they will be supplied with very good Pastures, but I will not make myself liable for them.

LANDON CARTER.

STRAYED from Mr. *John Champe's* the 20th of *October* last, a BROWN BAY HORSE with a hanging Mane and Switch Tail, a very small Star in his Forehead, about fourteen Hands and a Half high, between four and five Years old, paces and canters, and in heavy Roads will trot. His Rump falls a good Deal; and as for his Brand, I cannot recollect it. Whoever will deliver him safe to me, at *Norman's Ford*, in *Fauquier* County, shall be entitled to 40s. Reward. LANDON CARTER.

RUN away, in the Morning of the 19th of this Instant (*March*) from on Board the *Justitia*, Captain *Finlay Gray*, at *Leeds Town*, in *Rappahannock*, with the Yawl, Clinker built, and four Oars, the five following Servants, and one of the Ship's Company, *viz.*——ROBERT WALKER, born in *Surry*, 26 Years of Age, five Feet six Inches high, of a dark Complexion, wears his own brown Hair, had on when he went away a gray coloured Cloth and a brown Surtout Coat, and either Shoes or Boots.——RALPH LAWSON, born in *London*, 22 Years of Age, five Feet four Inches high, black Hair, with a fresh Scar on his Nose, had on when he went away a blue Jacket and Linsey Woolsey Waistcoat.——FRANCIS GRANGER, born in the North of *England*, 30 Years of Age, five Feet four Inches high, of a dark Complexion, with short black Hair, had on when he went away a Drab coloured Jacket and Waistcoat, and a Pair of Fearnought Trousers.—JAMES WATSON, born in *Scotland*, 20 Years of Age, five Feet five Inches high, a fresh Complexion, with black Hair, had on when he went away a green Jacket, and blue Worsted Drawers.——ROBERT WOOD, born in the North of *England*, 30 Years of Age, five Feet five Inches high, of a dark Complexion, much pitted with the Smallpox, wears his own black Hair, had on when he went away a blue Sailor's Jacket, and white Waistcoat and Trousers.——LYDIA HEATHCOTE, born in *London*, 25 Years of Age, a fair Complexion, and fair Hair, had on when she went away a black Gown.—Whoever apprehends the above mentioned Servants, or any of them, and secures them in any of his Majesty's Jails, or sends them on Board the Ship at *Leeds Town*, shall have 20s. Reward for each, besides what the Law allows, and 40s. for the Yawl if brought to the Ship. FINLAY GRAY.

RUN away from the VINEYARD, three Weeks ago, an ew Negro Man named SUNDAY, about five Feet five Inches high, 25 Years old, well made, and very black; had on a *Monmouth* Cap, a white Cotton Waistcoat and Breeches, and a green Waistcoat under the Cotton one. I will give a Reward of 10s. to any Person that will deliver him to me. ANDREW ESTAVE.

COMMITTED to the County Jail of *Norfolk*, on the first of *February*, a Negro Woman about five Feet four or five Inches high, thick made, appears to be about 35 Years of Age, says her Name is MOLL CUFFY, and that she is a free born Woman, but cannot make it appear.

SAMUEL PORTLOCK, Jailer.

COMMITTED to the County Jail of *Norfolk*, on the 27th of *February*, two white Servant Men, who say they belong to Colonel *John Syme* at *York*. One of them says his Name is THOMAS FARRALL, and the other that his is JEREMIAH QUIR.

SAMUEL PORTLOCK, Jailer.

PRINCE GEORGE, *March* 10, 1774.

MERRY TOM, in great Perfection, stands at my Plantation to cover Mares at 15s. the Leap, and 40s. for the Season, Pasturage gratis. His Colts are strong, beautiful, and active. I will not be accountable for such Mares as may be stolen or get away, though the utmost Care shall be taken of them, and none have ever been lost hitherto. JOHN BAIRD.

WILLIAMSBURG, *March* 10, 1774.

JUST IMPORTED from *London*, and to be sold at Mr. *Bruce's* Store on the south Side of the Capitol, Garden PEASE, BEANS, and CABBAGE SEED of different Sorts, and the earliest and best Kinds.

BALTIMORE (MARYLAND) *March* 2, 1774.

To the Inhabitants of VIRGINIA.

KNOWING that the Legislature of your Colony have prohibited INOCULATING for the SMALLPOX, I therefore offer myself to those who may choose to come abroad to take that Disorder; but as I am almost an utter Stranger in *Virginia*, it would be extreme Folly to expect much Confidence without something more than a simple Information to the Publick. The subjoined Testimony, I imagine, will be the best Recommendation I can give of my Ability in that Branch of my Profession.

I have understood that a Prejudice prevails against Mercury in the Preparation, and perhaps with Justice, if used indiscriminately; but as that Change of Constitution for receiving the Smallpox favourably can be made without it, though not with the same Expedition, I have always been sparing of it. As I deal in no Secrets nor Nostrums, the Change I apprehend to be made is this: The inflammatory Disposition of the Blood is corrected, and the Elasticity of the Solids enfeebled; or, to speak still in a more simple Style, the System in general is weakened to a certain Degree. This Mercury effects, I think, quicker than any Thing else yet discovered. Upon the Whole, whoever comes under my Care may be assured of every Attention being paid in my Power.

ALEXANDER STENHOUSE.

THE above *Alexander Stenhouse* has inoculated for the Smallpox these several Years in this County, and in our Families, when required, with as much Success as any we have heard of in the Profession.

CLEM. BROOK. THOMAS HARRISON.
WILLIAM LUX. JAMES CHRISTIE, Jun.
JAMES FRANKLIN. ROBERT CHRISTIE, Jun.
SAMUEL PURVIANCE. ANTHONY STEWART,
WILLIAM M'GACHEN. of ANNAPOLIS.

YOUNG BAJAZET stands at Mr. *Joseph Harwood's* in *King & Queen*, to cover Mares at a Guinea the Leap, or two Pounds six Shillings the Season. He is a beautiful Mahogany Bay, upwards of fifteen Hands high, and was got by *Bajazet* out of a *Janus* Mare bred by *Berrington Moore*, Esq; of *North Carolina*. Good Pasturage will be provided for the Mares, with proper Attendance, by

JOSEPH FAULKS.

*** Who, on *Easter Monday*, performs his Exploits in Horsemanship at *Gloucester* Courthouse.

GODOLPHIN, a full blooded Horse, by *Fearnought*, out of an imported Mare, will stand this Season at Mr. *Richard Taylor's*, near *Petersburg*, to cover Mares, at twenty Shillings Leap, or three Pounds the Season, payable in *October*. Those Gentlemen who are inclined to send Mares may be assured that the greatest Care will taken of them, but I will not be answerable for any that shall get away.
(7) GEORGE BAYLOR.

IMPORTED in the *Richmond*, Captain *Patterson*, a small BOX, directed to the Subscriber at *Cabin Point*. I will be much obliged to any Person who will inform me where it is, or send it to me by the first Opportunity.

JOHN WRIGHT.

HANOVER County, *March* 10, 1774.

ALL Persons who have any Demands against the Estate of Colonel *William Macon*, deceased, of *New Kent*, are desired to apply for Payment; and those indebted thereto are requested to discharge their Balances immediately, to
(2) WILLIAM MACON, Executor.

To be SOLD, *by Virtue of a Deed of Trust to* Lucas *and* Dixon, *and* John Dixon, *on* Monday *the* 18*th of* April, *if fair, otherwise next fair Day*,

A VERY valuable TRACT of LAND on *Milford Haven*, in *Kingston* Parish, being on the Main opposite to *Gwyn's* Island, in *Gloucester* County, containing about 500 Acres. This fine Plantation is remarkable for many Advantages and Conveniencies; for, besides the Land being very good, there is a Brick Dwelling-House with three Rooms on a Floor and a large Passage, a Kitchen, Barn, and all other necessary Houses, in the best Repair; there is likewise a Brick Windmill open to the Bay, which gets upwards of 100 Barrels of Corn a Year, besides an excellent Orchard. And for great Plenty and a Variety of Sea and River Fish, and the finest Oysters, it yields to no Place in *Virginia*. (5)

To be SOLD *on* Monday *the* 28*th of this Instant* (March) *at the late Dwelling-House of* Philip Cowper, *deceased, in* Elizabeth City *County*,

A TRACT of LAND on *Harris's* Creek, containing about 160 Acres, whereon is a Dwelling-House and other Outhouses, with Apple and Peach Orchards. Six Months Credit will be allowed for one Third of the Purchase Money, twelve Months for another Third, and eighteen Months for the Remainder, on giving Bond with good Security.—— At the same Time and Place will be sold three likely NEGROES, some HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE, and the Stock of CATTLE, SHEEP, HOGS, and HORSES, belonging to the said Estate, on twelve Months Credit, Bond and Security being given. All Bonds to carry Interest from the Date, if not punctually discharged on the Day of Payment.—— All Persons who have any Claims against the Estate of the said *Philip Cowper*, deceased, are desired to make them known; and those indebted thereto are requested to make speedy Payment.

(2‖) EDWARD COWPER, }
ROE COWPER, } Executors.

To be SOLD *on very reasonable Terms, and long Credit, if required, or* LEASED *for a Term of Years*,

THE valuable and well known Plantation joining the City of *Williamsburg*, and leading to the *College Landing*, which is one of the best Tracts of Land for a Farm in *Virginia*, and to which adjoins a large Quantity of Marsh and Low Grounds proper for Meadow. There are likewise several valuable SLAVES and STOCK, which may be had if it is agreeable, with the said Land. Undoubted Security will be required. ——In the Meanwhile, there is an enclosed Pasture to be rented, and several small Dwelling-Houses, for Terms of which apply to

JOHN GREENHOW.

POETS CORNER.

A PROPHECY *of the future Glory of* AMERICA.

"TWO Years far distant, and to Scenes more bright,
Along the Vale of Time extend thy Sight,
Where Hours and Days, and Years, from yon bright Pole,
Wave following Wave, in long Succession roll;
There fee in Pomp, for Ages without End,
The Glories of the WESTERN WORLD ascend!
See, this blest LAND in her bright Morn appears,
Wak'd from dead Slumbers of six Thousand Years;
While Clouds of Darkness veil'd each cheering Ray,
To savage Beasts and savage Men a Prey.
Fair FREEDOM now her Ensigns bright displays,
And Peace and Plenty blest the golden Days.
In mighty Pomp AMERICA shall rise,
Her Glories spreading to the boundless Skies;
Of every Fair, she boasts th' assembled Charms,
The Queen of Empires, and the Nurse of Arms.
See, where her HEROES! mark their glorious Way,
Arm'd for the Fight, and blazing on the Day,
Blood stains their Steps, and o'er the conquering Plain,
Mid fighting Thousands, and 'mid Thousands slain,
Their eager Swords promiscuous Carnage blend,
Mid ghastly Deaths their raging Course attend;
Her mighty Power the subject World shall see,
For learn'd Conquest waits her high Decree.
See, her bold Vessels rushing to the Main,
Cleave the wide Seas, and sweep the watery Plain!
Or, led by Commerce, at the Merchants Door
Unlade the Treasures of each distant Shore;
Or, arm'd with Thunder, on the guilty Foe
Rush big with Death, and aim th' impending Blow;
Bid every Realm, that hears the Trump of Fame,
Quake at the distant Terrour of her Name."

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 4, 1766.

ORDERED, that the Clerks of the several County Courts in this Colony do transmit to the Clerk of this House, in the first Part of every Meeting of the General Assembly, a List of the Tithables in their Counties, containing the Names of such Tithables; and that they transmit also, at the same Time, a List of the publick Charges of their respective Counties.

ORDERED, *that the Clerk of this House do cause the same to be published in the* Virginia *Gazette.*

By the House of Burgesses,

G. WYTHE, C. H. B.

TAKEN up, in *Chesterfield*, a GRAY HORSE about five Years old, four Feet two Inches high, a hanging Mane and Sprig Tail, his off hind Foot whiter than the others, and branded on the near Buttock with a Figure of 8. (1) THOMAS BURTON.

TAKEN up, in *Brunswick*, a BAY HORSE about four Feet four Inches high, a roached Mane and Bob Tail, paces naturally, and has no White about him except on the Nole. Posted, and appraised to 3l. 10s. (1) JOHN SIMS.

WILLIAMSBURG, *March* 8, 1774.

THE several SHERIFFS in Arrear for his Majesty's Quitrents are requested to make full Payment at the ensuing *April* Court; and as it is my Duty to enforce a speedy Collection of this Revenue, it is hoped that those against whom Judgments have been already obtained will attend to this Notice.

RICHARD CORBIN, D. R. G.

WHEREAS I am informed that I gave a Bond to Mr. *Thomas Tabb*, on the 20th of *January* last, for the Sum of 5l. at which Time I was incapable of Bargaining, this is to forewarn any Person from taking an Assignment of the said Bond, as I am determined not to pay it. JOHN PRICE.

FOR SALE,

A FINE Assortment of JEWELLER and WATCHMAKER's Tools and Materials; the Particulars of which, and the Terms, may be known of the Printer.

DINWIDDIE, *March* 1, 1774.

THE repeated Losses I have sustained, for some Months past, make it necessary that I should grant no longer Indulgence to those indebted to me; and as I intend to leave the Colony as soon as I can get my Affairs settled, I am determined to put every Bond and Account due to me, that is not discharged in a few Weeks, into a Lawyer's Hands.

I will dispose of the Tract of LAND whereon I live, containing about 820 Acres, five Miles from *Petersburg*, mostly very level, good Wheat and Corn Land, as may appear from the present Crop of fifty Acres sown in Wheat; it is well timbered with Pine, White and Red Oak, has on it a new Dwelling-House 32 Feet by 18, neatly finished, good Cellars, a new Kitchen and Laundry 36 Feet by 18, an old Dwelling-House with two Brick Chimnies, four Rooms below and two above Stairs, which with repairing and finishing, at a small Expense, might be made a commodious Dwelling-House, a fine young Apple and Peach Orchard; ten or twelve SLAVES, most of whom are very valuable, forty Head of CATTLE, twenty of which are exceeding good Work Steers, with new Carrylogs, Chains and Screws, that one able Fellow can raise a Stock of 5 or 6000 Weight, a Variety of HOUSEHOLD and KITCHEN FURNITURE, PLANTATION UTENSILS, HORSES, HOGS, and SHEEP.——A Plantation of 464 Acres, about a Mile and a Half from that whereon I live; there is a Dwelling-House and Dairy on it, a fine young Apple and Peach Orchard, very well timbered with Oak and Pine, lies pretty level, good for both Corn and Wheat, and has about fifty Acres cleared.——A Plantation of about 200 Acres in *Prince George* County, twelve Miles from *Petersburg*, on *Jones's Hole* Run, adjoining *Thomas Bonner's* Land, well timbered, and tolerable good Land, 20,000 Cornhills cleared, and there is on it a Dwelling-House and Apple Orchard.——400 Acres of Land in *Surry* County, on *Cypress* Swamp, six or seven Miles below *Cobbs Point*, and as far distant from *James* River.——150 Acres of Land in *Dinwiddie* County, on *Cox's* Road, twenty Miles from *Petersburg*, with a Dwelling and other Outhouses, being the Plantation whereon Mr. *Robert Hutchings* formerly lived.——200 Acres of Land on *Aaron's* Creek, in *Mecklenburg* County, very good Corn, Wheat, or Tobacco Land.——The Purchasers will be allowed a reasonable Time of Payment, and the Terms may be known of

(5) DUNCAN ROSE.

WILLIAMSBURG, *March* 8, 1774.

ALL Persons indebted to the late Partnership of Messrs. *Griffiths* and *Thomas*, and *Thomas, Griffiths*, and *Thomas*, Merchants of *Bristol*, are desired to pay their respective Balances immediately to the Subscribers, Attornies for *Thomas Griffiths*, surviving Partner of both the aforesaid Houses.

EDWARD FOY.
SAMUEL PEARSON.

ALEXANDRIA, *February* 22, 1774.

THE Subscriber proposes leaving the Colony immediately after the *April* General Court; all Persons therefore who are indebted for Dealings with him on Account of himself and Co. or on his own private Account, are earnestly requested to discharge their respective Balances between this and the first of *May*, as longer Indulgence cannot possibly be given.

BENNITT BROWNE.

FOR SALE,

A TRACT of LAND in *Amelia* County, containing 500 Acres, about four Miles below the Courthouse, it is remarkable fine Land for Grain, and will bring good Tobacco. The Plantation is in good Order for Cropping, sufficient to work six or eight Hands, with all necessary Houses. Any Person inclinable to purchase may depend on having a Bargain, and know the Terms by applying to

(tf) WILLIAM MARSHALL.

The noted Horse FEARNOUGHT

STANDS the ensuing Season at the Subscriber's, at *Hicks's Ford*, in *Brunswick* County, and will cover at 40s. a Leap, the Money to be paid down, and 6l. the Season. Good Pasturage gratis, and great Care will be taken of Mares, but I will not be answerable for any that may be lost or stolen. WILLIAM EDWARDS.

NORFOLK, *March* 2, 1774.

THE Subscriber has for Sale a neat Assortment of EUROPEAN GOODS, very suitable for the Season, Value between 3 and 4001. Sterling, which he will sell at a low Advance; Part of the Goods just arrived in the *Susannah*, Captain *Dobbie*, from *London*. Credit will be given, and the Time of Payment made agreeable to the Purchaser. GEORGE RAE.

PETERSBURG, *March* 6, 1774.

A PARCEL of GERMAN OSNABRUGS, well assorted, just imported from *London*, in the *Elizabeth*, Captain *Leitch*, to be sold, on reasonable Terms, by RICHARD HANSON.

YORK County, *March* 10, 1774.

I INTEND to leave the Colony immediately.

(11) JAMES STEPHENS.

ANY Person that understands the Business of a DRAWER (if well recommended) will meet with good Encouragement by applying to me, in *Richmond* Town. JAMES GUNN.

FOR WHITEHAVEN,

THE Ship *Olive*, Captain *William Barras*, lying at *Broadway*, on *Appamattox*, which will sail early in *April* (having three Fourths of her Cargo engaged) can take in about 100 Hhds. of Tobacco on Liberty of Consignment. For Terms apply to Mr. *Bolling Starke* in *Petersburg*, or us in *Norfolk*.

(tf) GREENWOOD, RITSON, & MARSH.

To be SOLD *on the Premises, on* Monday *the* 18th *of* April, *if fair, otherwise next fair Day,*

THE Subscriber's HOUSES and LOTS in the Town of *Tappahannock*, which are so well known for their Convenience and agreeable Situation, on the River Bank, that a farther Description would be needless; several NEGROES, among which are some exceeding good Cooks, Laundry and House Servants, and a valuable Negro Skipper, that is well acquainted with the Bay and Rivers, and has had the Charge of Vessels for a Number of Years; likewise all the HOUSEHOLD and KITCHEN FURNITURE, a Number of HORSES, among them a Pair of large young bright bay Northward Carriage Horses, *&c. &c.* Two Years Credit, or more, will be allowed for the Houses and Lots, on paying the Interest yearly, and giving Bond with approved Security; and twelve Months Credit on the other Articles, the Purchasers giving Bond and approved Security; and if not discharged when they become due, to bear Interest from the Date. All that do not purchase above 25l. to pay ready Money.——As the Subscriber will leave the Colony before long, all Persons who have any Demands against him are desired to bring them in, that they may be settled; and those who are indebted are requested to make immediate Payment, and it being now near four Years since he left off Store-keeping on his private Account, they can expect no farther Indulgence. ARCHIBALD M'CALL.

KING WILLIAM, *February* 25, 1774.

RUN away, in *July* last, MATT, a tall slim Negro Man, by trade a Carpenter, and about forty Years old; he walks badly, having been Frost-bit in Prison some Years ago, by which he lost one of his great Toes, and the Print of the Irons he then had on may be seen plainly on his Legs. Whoever delivers him to me shall receive 3l. if taken within twenty Miles of my House, and 5l. if at a greater Distance.

(6) NATHANIEL BURWELL.

FOR SALE,

A VALUABLE FARM of 1500 Acres, within sixteen Miles of *Petersburg*. The Terms may be known on Application to the Subscriber.

(tf) HENRY SKIPWITH.

NOTICE is hereby given to the Gentlemen, Officers, and Soldiers, who claim Land under his Majesty's Proclamation of the 7th of *October*, 1763, having obtained Warrants from His Excellency the Right Honourable the Earl of *Dunmore*, directed to the Surveyor of *Fincastle* County, and intending to locate their Lands on or near the *Ohio*, below the *Great Kanhawa*, that several Assistant Surveyors will attend at the Mouth of the *New River*, or *Great Kanhawa*, on *Thursday* the 14th of *April*, to survey for such only as have or may obtain his Lordship's Warrants for so doing. I would therefore request that the Claimants, or their Agents, will be very punctual in meeting at the Time and Place above mentioned, properly provided with Chain Carriers and other Necessaries to proceed on the Business without Delay. As several Gentlemen, who are acquainted with that Part of the Country, are of Opinion, that, to prevent Insults from strolling Parties of *Indians*, there ought to be at least fifty Men on the River, below the Mouth of the *Kanhawa*, to attend the Business in such a Manner as the Gentlemen present judge most proper until it is finished, or the Season prevent them from surveying any more, should the Gentlemen concerned be of the same Opinion, they will doubtless furnish that or any less Number of Men they believe necessary. It is hoped the Officers, or their Agents, who may have Land surveyed, particularly such as do not reside in the Colony, will be careful to send the Surveyor's Fees when the Certificates are demanded.

(5) WILLIAM PRESTON, Surveyor of *Fincastle*.

COMMITTED to the publick Jail, a Runaway Negro Man, named BEN, middle sized, very black, has lost his right Eye, stoops a little when he walks, and appears to be above forty Years old; being an *African*, he speaks bad *English*, but gives me to understand that he belongs to the Estate of *William Smith*, deceased, whose Widow used him ill, which induced him to run away, but he cannot, or will not, inform where she lives. His Owner is desired to take him away, and pay Charges.

(tf) PETER PELHAM.

BERKELEY, *February* 24, 1774.

TEN very likely young VIRGINIA born SLAVES will be sold at *Chesterfield* Courthouse, on *Friday* the 1st of *April*, upon Credit till the 10th of *January* next, the Purchasers giving Bond with good Security to

(6) BENJAMIN HARRISON.

NEWPOST, *February* 10, 1774.

APOLLO will begin to cover the 1st of *April*, at 5l. the Season, the Money to be paid when the Mares are taken away. Should that not be convenient, a Note of Hand, payable in *October* at the *Fredericksburg* Races, will be accepted. Good Pasturage will be found, and the greatest Care taken of the Mares; but I will not be answerable for any that may get away.——I propose taking Corn, Wheat, and Pease, at the Market Price, as it may not suit every One to pay the Cash.

(10) ALEXANDER SPOTSWOOD.

RUN away, on *Monday* the 18th of *October* last, a likely Mulatto Girl named FANNY, about fourteen or fifteen Years of Age; she formerly belonged to Mr. *Augustine Smith*, of *Middlesex*, with whom I am informed her Mother, named *Joan*, now lives as Cook. I have great Reason to suspect that she has been harboured by a Negro Fellow named *Moses*, belonging to *Peyton Randolph*, Esq; about his Quarter in *Merchants Hundred*, from whence, I suppose, she will endeavour to cross about *York* to go to her Relations in *Middlesex*. Whoever apprehends the said Slave, and secures, her in any of his Majesty's Jails, and gives me Notice thereof, shall have 3l. Reward, or 4l. if delivered to me in *Williamsburg*. (tf) JOHN LEWIS.

To be SOLD *for ready Money, or Credit not exceeding five Years, or* RENTED *upon good Terms,*

THE beautiful and pleasant Seat known by the Name of OXFORD, together with the Land adjacent, containing 3000 Acres, whereon *Granville* Courthouse and Jail now stands. The Land lies very level, Part of which will produce Tobacco, and most of it is very good for Wheat, *Indian* Corn, Oats, *&c.* The Improvements consist of a large well finished Dwelling-House, Kitchen, Tavern, Granary, and other convenient Buildings, almost new. There is on the Plantation an Apple Orchard of about 340 Trees of exceeding good Fruit, just beginning to bear. The Water is perhaps as fine as any in the World, and the Place is in good Order for Tavern-keeping. Any Person inclinable to purchase or rent the same may know the Terms by applying to the Subscriber, upon the Premises.

(12) JESSE BENTON.

NEWMARKET *(Caroline) December* 1, 1773.

RUN away from the Subscriber, the latter End of *October* 1772, a likely Mulatto Man named RANDOLPH, about thirty Years of Age, and five Feet eight or nine Inches high; he had on, when he went away, a Suit of Green, with red Livery. As he has many Acquaintances about *Williamsburg*, it is probable he is lurking about that Place. Whoever delivers the said Slave to me shall have THREE POUNDS Reward.

(tf) ROBERT BAYLOR.

For SALE, *the* LOT *and* HOUSES *near* Cabin Point *Warehouses, at present possessed by the Subscriber.*

THE Lot consists of four Acres well enclosed, a good Dwellinghouse with all necessary Outhouses, a Storehouse, Counting Room, and two Lumber Houses, all at present in very good Repair.

A TRACT of LAND in *Surry*, about six Miles from *Cabin Point* containing 335 Acres, on which there is a Dwellinghouse, a small Apple and Peach Orchard, and a Quantity of very good Pine Timber.

Another TRACT in *Brunswick*, containing 355 Acres, known by the Name of *Smokey Ordinary*, with a good Dwellinghouse, necessary Houses, a Storehouse, Counting Room, and Lumber House, all lately built, and well adapted for either a Merchant or a Tavern Keeper. For Terms apply to *Thomas Simmons*, in *Brunswick*, or to

(tf) JAMES BUCHANAN.

For SALE,

ABOUT twelve Thousand Acres of exceeding rich TOBACCO LAND, in *Amherst* County, whereon are several Plantations and Improvements sufficient to work forty or fifty Hands. There is on the said Land for Sale a very valuable GRIST MILL, lately built, with a Stone Dam and a Pair of good *Cologne* Millstones, which Mill has for two Years past got up ards of 100 Barrels of Toll Corn, and is situated on a never failing Stream. The Land will be shown by *William Womack*, who lives at one of the the Plantations, and the Prices of the Land made known by him. One or two Years Credit will be allowed, Interest being paid for the second Year, and also for the first, if the Money is not paid agreeable to Contract. The Land is to be laid off and surveyed by Colonel *William Cabell*, at the Expense of the Purchaser. Deeds will be made upon Bond and approved Security being given, either to Colonel *William Cabell*, or the Subscriber. Six per Cent. Discount will be allowed for ready Money, or good Merchants Notes. If any Person will choose to exchange Lands in the lower Part of the Country, on or near some navigable River, that are good, it is more than probable we should agree.

(tf) CARTER BRAXTON.

To be SOLD, SEPARATELY *or* TOGETHER

TWO TRACTS of LAND. One lies in *Albemarle* County, on *Hardware* River, about five Miles from the great River, containing 370 Acres, 100 of which are the best Kind of low Grounds, and situated so as always to have the best Range for Stock of any Land between the Capes and Little Mountains.

The other Tract lies in *Goochland* County, on *Lickinghole* Creek, near the *Three Notched* Road, and contains 700 Acres. The high Land is equal to any in these Parts, fine for Tobacco and Wheat, or any Kind of Grain or Meadow. About 200 Acres are cleared, now under good Fences, laid off in three Fields, and in fine Order to work about ten Hands to great Advantage. The Improvements are a good Dwellinghouse, Kitchen, Smokehouse, a Dairy, four good Tobacco Houses, with Negro Quarters, and other convenient Buildings, also a fine Apple and Peach Orchard. The Place is pleasantly situated, has fine Water, is as healthy as any Part of the Colony, and is convenient to Church or *Providence* Meetinghouse, and several Mills, besides one on the Land turned by a Spring Branch to grind for three or four Families the whole Year, and is not in the least unhealthy, as the Water may be ground off every Day. Credit will be given for Part of both Tracts. Any Person inclinable to purchase may know the Terms by applying to Mr. *William Mitchell*, Merchant in *Richmond*, or to the Subscriber, who will show the Land. (tf) WILLIAM PRYOR.

GOOCHLAND, *November* 1773. 3.

YORK Town, *June* 9, 1773.

THE Subscribers being very solicitous to comply with the Will of their Testator, the late Honourable *William Nelson*, desire that all Persons who were indebted to him will endeavour to make as speedy Payments as possible. Those who have Accounts open on his Books, and who cannot immediately discharge the Balances, are desired to give their Bonds. This Request is the more necessary, as most of the Legacies bequeathed by the Testator are to be paid in Sterling Money, and he has directed that his younger Sons Fortunes shall be placed out at Interest upon undoubted Securities, so soon as it can be done. Those who have any Demands are desired to make them immediately known.

THOMAS NELSON.
THOMAS NELSON, Junior.
(tf) HUGH NELSON.
RO. C. NICHOLAS.

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